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In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated September 30, 1999, kindly
reconsider the requirement based on the following remarks.

REMARKS

We are enclosing pages 46-47 which includes Claims 13-21. Page 46 was apparently missing from the application as filed, and page 47 was incorrectly presented due to a photocopying error. Claims 13-21 are fully supported by the Specification at pages 6-8. Therefore, no new matter is added. The Claims are drawn to nucleic acid molecules encoding neuronal cationic channels, vectors including these sequences, methods of producing the proteins therefrom, and transformed cells expressing these proteins.

Under 37 CFR 1.475, the requirement for unity of invention is fulfilled when there is a technical relationship among the inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding